

OFFICIAL REPORTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDIANA STATE EXAMINATION

THE Nurses' Examining Board of Indiana will hold an examination of applicants for registration at Indianapolis on November 5, 1907. All applications must be filed with the secretary of the board on or before October 25th. For further information apply to Miss Edna Humphrey, secretary and treasurer, 409 East Jefferson Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

EDNA HUMPHREY, Secretary.

MARYLAND STATE EXAMINATION

THE Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses announces that the first examination for state registration will be held October 29, 30, and 31, 1907.

All applications should be sent to the secretary of the board, Room 610 Professional Building, Baltimore, Md., before October 15.

Nurses applying will be notified where the examination will be held.

MARY C. PACKARD, Secretary.

STATE MEETING OF DISTRICT NURSES

A MEETING of the district nurses of New Jersey will be held on Friday, October 4, 1907, at three o'clock, at the home of Miss Coleman, 331 Main Street, East Orange. All nurses and others interested in the matter are cordially invited to be present. Miss Anderson and Miss Coleman, of Orange, will read papers, and the discussion will be on the advisability of forming a society for concerted action throughout the state.

THE CHICAGO SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR NURSES

OFFICERS for the year are: President, Miss Lila Pickhardt, Augustana Hospital; secretary and treasurer, Miss Grace G. Watson, Children's Memorial Hospital. Meetings will be held in Field's Tea Room the first Saturday in the month. The program for the year is as follows: October: The Question of Finances with the Nurse, Miss Breeze; November: The Justification for the Third Year of Training, Miss Oberg, Miss Brode; December: The Reasons for the Scarcity of Applicants in the Training Schools, Miss Hay; January: The Training-school Library, Miss Burgess; February: How May a Satisfactory Post-graduate Course be Established, Miss Glenn; March: The Responsibility of the Superintendent who has Entire Charge of the Hospital and Training

School, Sister Veronica; April: Economies in the Hospital, Miss Dahlgren; May: Social Hygiene, Dr. Caroline Hedger; June: Are the Rules of our Training Schools too Severe? Miss Pickhardt.

VIRGINIA MEETING

THE annual meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Virginia will be held in Staunton, Virginia, on October 1, 2, and 3. The Hotel Beverly will be the headquarters of the nurses. A most interesting program has been arranged and a large and enthusiastic attendance is expected.

ELIZABETH R. P. COCKE, R.N.,
Acting Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA MEETING

THE regular annual meeting and election of officers of the Graduate Nurses' Association of the State of Pennsylvania will be held in the Assembly Room of the New Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburg, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 16, 17 and 18, 1907.

The first session on Wednesday, at two-thirty p.m., will be open. Subjects for discussion: The Hospital Economies Course at Columbia University, State Registration.

An executive session will be held Wednesday evening at seven-thirty, also Thursday morning at ten.

At the Thursday and Friday afternoon sessions there will be papers and discussions on Alms House Nursing, School Inspection, and Settlement Work.

A question box will be provided and will be opened at the Thursday afternoon session. A tea and reception will be held Wednesday afternoon at the Allegheny General Hospital.

A banquet will be given Thursday evening at the New Seventh Avenue Hotel. Rooms for the visitors have been reserved at the New Seventh Avenue Hotel. Two dollars per day and up. (American plan.)

MAUDE W. MILLER, Assistant Secretary.

OHIO MEETING

THE annual meeting of the Ohio State Association of Graduate Nurses will be held in Cincinnati, October 17 and 18. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Senton. A program of great interest has been arranged and it is hoped that a large number of members will be present.

M. ELLEN KERSHAW, Secretary,
112 East Broad St.,
Columbus, Ohio.

NEW YORK STATE MEETING

THE annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association will be held at Syracuse, October 15 and 16, in the Academy of Medicine rooms in the Carnegie Library Building, Montgomery and Jefferson Streets. An interesting program has been prepared. Five practical ten minute addresses on hospital

construction will be given by five Syracuse physicians, and Dr. Barrows, of Buffalo, will speak on the problem of the patient of moderate means. There will be papers on Dangers of Amateur Drugging, by Miss Bradley, of Brooklyn; Public Health Problems, by Miss Hartman; Hospital Economics Endowment, by Miss Marker, of Syracuse; and Nurses' Registry and Club House, by Miss Cole, of Buffalo. Miss Alline will give a report of her work. A reception will be given by the nurses of Syracuse at the Yates Hotel, Tuesday, October 15, from eight-thirty to eleven P.M.

The following hotels are recommended:

YATES HOTEL, corner Montgomery and East Washington Streets.

Rooms with bath, European plan, \$2.00 to \$3.50.

Rooms without bath, European plan, \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Rooms without bath, American plan, \$4.00 to \$5.00.

Rooms with bath, European plan, \$4.50 to \$6.00.

VANDERBILT HOTEL, corner South Warren and East Washington Streets.

Rooms with bath, American plan, \$3.00 to \$4.00.

Rooms without bath, American plan, \$2.50 to \$4.00.

ST. CLOUD HOTEL, corner Clinton and West Washington Streets.

Rooms with bath, American plan, \$3.00.

Rooms without bath, American plan, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

Single meals, 50 cents each.

A reduction of rates to one and one-third fare for the round trip is announced. Particulars should be obtained in advance from the local R. R. ticket agents.

At the New York Central depot, guides wearing a bow of orange ribbon will be stationed, to direct the delegates where they may wish to go.

LAURA WELCH, R.N., Chairman Program Committee,

LINA LIGHTBOURN, R.N., Chairman Committee on Arrangements,

ANNA DAVIDS, R.N., President,

FRIDA L. HARTMAN, R.N., Secretary.

THE GEORGIA BILL

A BILL. To be entitled an Act to regulate the practice of Professional Nursing in the State of Georgia, and to that end to create the Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia; and to require registration by those desiring to practice in State as registered nurses, and to provide penalties for the breach of the requirements of this Act, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Georgia, That the Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia is hereby created. It shall be composed of five persons to be selected and appointed in the following manner:

The Georgia State Association Graduate Nurses will, within thirty (30) days after this Act takes effect, nominate to the Governor of this State ten (10) of its members, none of whom is in any way connected with any training school for nurses. The said nurses must have had at least three years of active

practice in their profession immediately preceding their appointment. From this number, the Governor shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter appoint for places on the said Board, one Nurse, who shall hold office for one year from said date of appointment; and two who shall hold office for two (2) years from said date; and two (2) who shall hold office for three (3) years from said date. All of the said appointments shall have the same date, provided no two of the nurses, so appointed, shall have graduated from the same training school.

Upon the expiration of the term of office of any member of said Board, the Governor of this State shall appoint a successor to fill the said term of office.

The said appointment shall be made from a list of five (5) members of the said Association, to be furnished to him by the said Association.

All vacancies occurring in this Board, shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term from like nominations furnished to him by the said Association within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs: Provided, That if the said Association fails to make the nominations herein required within the time herein specified, the Governor shall make such appointments by nominating such members of the Nursing profession thereto, as may seem to him to be proper.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, That the members of this State Board of Examiners shall, within thirty days after appointment, organize by the election of one of its members to be President of the said Board, and another to be the Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold office for a period of one year and until their respective successors are elected and have qualified; said officers shall be elected by said Board annually, and in case of a vacancy in either of said offices the Board shall, within forty (40) days after the vacancy occurs, elect one of its number to fill said office, and in the event there is no such election within the time named, the Governor shall appoint a member of said Board to fill the vacancy.

The Secretary is required to certify to the Governor, the names of the officers so elected, and in the case of a vacancy this shall likewise be certified by the Secretary to him, and in the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary, the President of the Board shall certify the same to him and shall certify to him the name of the person chosen to fill the vacancy in the event such vacancy is filled by the Board.

SECTION 3. Be it further enacted, That three (3) members of said Board of Examiners shall constitute a quorum, but no action of said Board shall be valid unless authorized by the affirmative vote of three (3) members thereof.

The Secretary of the Board is directed to keep a record of the minutes of the meetings of said Board and a record of the names of all persons applying for registration hereunder, and of the action of the Board thereon; and a register of all Nurses who have complied with the requirements of this Act, all of which said records shall, at all reasonable times, be open to the public inspection.

Said Board is authorized to have and use an official seal which shall bear the words: "State Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia." The certificate of the Secretary of said Board under the seal thereof, as to the action or non-action of the Board, shall be accepted in evidence, in the Courts of this State, as the best evidence of the minutes of the said Board, and likewise the certificate of the said Secretary, under the said seal, as to the registration or non-registra-

tion of any person, shall be accepted as the best evidence as to the registration or non-registration of the said person under the requirements of this Act. The Secretary will issue to all Nurses admitted to registration hereunder, a certificate under the seal of said Board, showing that fact.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of said Board to meet for the purpose of examining applicants for registration, at least once in each year, and oftener, should it be deemed necessary by said Board. Notice of said meeting shall be given, of the time and place of said meeting, by written notice posted, postage prepaid to last known address of each applicant, at least ten (10) days before the time of said meeting, and by publication in a daily paper of general circulation, at Atlanta, and in a Nurses Journal, if there be one published in Georgia.

The said notices shall be published at the same rates charged for Sheriff's advertisements. Said notice shall be inserted at least once, and the first insertion shall be made at least two weeks prior to the said meeting. Provided: The Secretary of said Board shall issue a temporary permit to each applicant for registration, which permit will authorize said applicant to do nursing as a registered nurse, until the next meeting of the Board.

SECTION 5. Be it further enacted, That all persons making application for registration under this Act, shall deposit with the Secretary of the said Board at the time of making such application, the sum of five (\$5.00) Dollars as an examination fee.

SECTION 6. Be it further enacted, That each applicant for registration, must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, of good moral character, a graduate from a regular chartered training school for nurses, connected with a general hospital or sanatorium (in which medical, surgical, gynecological, and obstetrical cases are treated), where the three (3) years of training with a systematic course of instruction on the above mentioned class of cases is given in the hospital or sanatorium; or must have graduated from a training school in connection with a hospital of good standing, supplying a three years' training corresponding to the above standard, which training may be obtained in two or more hospitals. All qualifications of the applicant shall be determined by the said Board, which is empowered to prescribe such examination for the applicants as will best test their fitness and ability to give efficient care to the sick. All applicants at the same examination, shall be subjected to the same kind of examination.

SECTION 7. Be it further enacted, That all nurses graduating on or before June first, 1909, from such training schools as are referred to in the preceding Section, shall be by that fact, entitled to registration without examination upon paying the application fee of Five (\$5.00) Dollars as provided in this Act, and submitting sufficient evidence of good moral character. Nurses who shall show to the satisfaction of the said Board that they are graduates of training schools connected with a hospital or sanatorium, giving two years' systematic course of instruction, or, if they graduated before or during the year 1897, from such a school giving one year's training, and who are in good moral and professional standing, and are engaged in the practice of the profession of Nursing at the passage of this Act, also all nurses in training at the time of the passage of this Act, and shall graduate hereafter and possess the qualifications herein specified, shall, upon payment of the application fee, be entitled to registration

without examination, provided application is made for such registration on or before June first, 1909.

SECTION 8. Be it further enacted, That after the expiration of six months from the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to practice professional nursing as a Registered Nurse in this State, without certificate from the said Board, and any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction therefor shall be punished in accordance with Section 1039 of the Penal Code of the State of Georgia.

Each Nurse who registers in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse," and no other Nurse shall assume or use such title or use the abbreviation "R. N.", or any other letters, words or figures, to indicate that he or she is a Registered Nurse, and a violation hereof shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be punished accordingly.

SECTION 9. Be it further enacted, That this Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, and it shall not apply to any person nursing for hire, who does not, in any way, assume to be a registered nurse, and who does not use the title Registered Nurse or the letters "R. N.", or other letters, words, or figures, for the purpose of representing that he or she is a Registered Nurse within the meaning of this Act.

SECTION 10. Be it further enacted, That the said Board may revoke any Certificate issued by it for sufficient cause, to be adjudged by it; but no such certificate shall be revoked without a hearing, notice of the time and place of which shall be given to the holder of the certificate by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days before the day set for said hearing, which notice shall plainly set forth charges against the holder of said certificate and the trial shall be only upon the grounds so specified. Said notice shall be mailed to the said person so accused, at his or her last known address, postage prepaid, or the same shall be delivered personally, to the person so accused.

The presiding officer of said Board is authorized and empowered to administer oaths to all witnesses giving evidence at such hearing; and no evidence shall be received at such a hearing if the same is not under oath.

SECTION 11. Be it further enacted, That out of the funds of the said Board accruing from the application fees herein provided, the Secretary of the said Board shall be paid a salary to be fixed by the Board at a sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per year, and all necessary expenses, and the members of said Board shall be entitled out of said funds, to receive Five Dollars (\$5.00) per day for each day actually engaged in the service of the said Board and all necessary expenses, all payments out of said funds shall be first approved by the presiding officer of the said Board.

SECTION 12. Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herein be, and they are hereby repealed.

THE ILLINOIS BILL

A LAW Relating to Nurses and Providing for Their Registration.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: A Board to consist of five (5) graduate nurses,

and to be known as the State Board of Examiners of Registered Nurses, is hereby created, whose duty it shall be to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of this Act. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor. At the time of their appointment they must be actual residents of the State. They shall be selected from nurses engaged in active work, who shall have been graduated for at least a period of five years from a reputable training school and who, during their course of training, shall have served for two (2) years in a general hospital, and who (except those appointed as first members of the Board) shall have been registered under the provisions of this Act. Three (3) members of the Board shall be selected from nurses who have had at least two (2) years' experience in educational work among nurses. The members of the Board shall be appointed to hold office as follows: One (1) for one (1) year; two (2) for two (2) years; and two (2) for three (3) years from July 1, 1907. Upon the expiration of the term of office of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term of office shall be three (3) years, and shall fill each vacancy for the unexpired term. Each member of the Board shall hold office until a successor is duly appointed.

SECTION 2. The members of the Board shall, as soon as organized, and annually thereafter, elect from their number a president and a secretary who shall also be the treasurer. The treasurer, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall file with the Secretary of State a bond payable to the People of the State of Illinois in a sum to be fixed from time to time, and with sureties to be approved by the Governor, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office. The Board shall adopt rules not inconsistent with this Act to govern its proceedings. It shall adopt a seal and the secretary shall have the care and custody thereof. The secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Board, including a register of the names and addresses of all nurses duly registered under this Act, which shall be open at all reasonable times to public scrutiny. The Board shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating any of the provisions of this Act and may incur necessary expense in that behalf. The secretary of the Board shall receive a salary which shall be fixed by the Board. Each member of the Board shall receive a compensation of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day or fraction of a day in which such member is actually engaged in attendance upon the meetings of the Board and in going to or coming from the place of meeting and all legitimate and necessary expenses incurred in attending such meetings. All expenses of the Board, including such salary and compensation, shall be paid from the fees received by the Board and no part of the same shall be paid out of the State Treasury. All moneys received in excess of the expenditures of the Board shall be held by the treasurer as a special fund for meeting the expenses of the Board and the cost of the annual reports of its proceedings. Such report shall be made to the Governor by December 15th in each year and shall contain a true account of all moneys received and disbursed by the Board.

SECTION 3. Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the secretary upon written request of any two (2) members. The Board shall from time to time adopt rules for the examination of applicants for registration in accordance with the provisions of this Act and shall from time to time adopt rules by which to establish a uniform and reasonable standard of instruction and training to be

observed by training schools, and shall determine the reputability of such schools by reference to their compliance with such rules and in like manner may from time to time amend, modify and repeal such rules. The Board shall, immediately upon the election of an officer, file with the Secretary of State a certificate thereof, giving the name and address of such officer and immediately upon the adoption of any rule shall file with the Secretary of State a certificate thereof setting out therein a copy of such rule, or in case of the repeal of a rule setting out fully such fact, and shall immediately publish such certificate in at least one journal devoted to the interests of professional nursing and mail a copy of such certificate to every applicant at the address appearing upon the records of the Board and to every reputable training school in Illinois.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Board to meet for the purpose of holding examinations not less frequently than twice every year. Notice of such meetings shall be given to the public press and to at least one journal devoted to the interests of professional nursing and by mail to every applicant and to every reputable training school in Illinois at least thirty days prior to the meeting. At such meetings it shall be the duty of the Board to examine all such applicants for registration under this Act as are required to be examined, and to issue to each duly qualified applicant who shall have complied with the pertinent provisions of this Act the certificate provided for in this Act. Any person to whom a certificate of registration shall be issued shall within ninety (90) days thereafter cause the same to be recorded with the county clerk of the county in which such person resided at the time of application. Such person shall be prepared whenever requested to exhibit such certificate of registration or a certified copy thereof. The county clerk shall charge twenty-five cents for recording such certificate and for each certified copy thereof.

SECTION 5. Every applicant for registration shall be at least twenty-three (23) years old, of good moral character, and shall possess such further qualifications as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board by rule. *Provided*, That no such rule shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act relating to those who shall make application prior to July 1, 1910. Every applicant shall make such proof of the necessary qualifications as shall satisfy the Board thereof. Every application shall be made in writing in the true name of the applicant, in such form as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board, and shall state the place of residence of and be signed by the applicant. The fee for acting on an application shall be ten dollars (\$10) and shall accompany the application, but every subsequent application of the same person shall be acted on without fee.

SECTION 6. Upon compliance with the pertinent provisions of this Act nurses otherwise qualified shall be entitled to registration, as follows:

First.—Without examination, provided they make application prior to July 1, 1910; (a) nurses who shall have graduated before said date and after January 1, 1897, from a reputable training school, connected with a general or special hospital, who at the time of graduation shall have received a course of at least two (2) years' training in such training school; (b) nurses who shall have graduated on or prior to January 1, 1897, from a reputable training school connected with a general hospital, who at the time of graduation shall have received a course of one (1) year's training in such training school and who at the time of application shall have been engaged in nursing for five (5) years

since their graduation; (e) nurses now in training in a reputable training school, connected with a general hospital, which now gives a course of at least two (2) years' training and who shall graduate therefrom.

Second.—Nurses who at the time of application shall have been engaged in the actual practice of nursing for three (3) years, provided they pass an examination in practical nursing and provided they make application prior to July 1, 1910.

Third.—Nurses who shall make application on or after July 1, 1910, and who at the time of application shall have graduated from a reputable training school, connected with a general hospital, requiring a systematic course of at least three years' training.

Fourth.—Nurses who shall make application on or after July 1, 1910, and who at the time of application shall have graduated from a reputable training school, connected with a special hospital, requiring a systematic course of at least two years' training and who at the time of application shall have obtained in a reputable general hospital one (1) year's additional training in subjects not adequately taught in the training school from which they graduated, and shall pass an examination to determine their fitness and ability to give efficient care to the sick.

SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful hereafter for any person to practice or attempt to practice in this State as a Registered Nurse without a certificate from the Board. Any person who has received such a certificate shall be styled and known as a Registered Nurse and shall be entitled to append the letters R. N. to the name of such person. No other person shall assume or use such title or the abbreviation R. N. or any other words, letters or figures to indicate that such person is a Registered Nurse.

SECTION 8. This Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, nor to any person nursing the sick for hire who does not in any way assume or pretend to be a Registered Nurse, and this Act shall not be construed to interfere in any way with members of religious communities or orders which have charge of hospitals or take care of the sick in their own homes, provided such members do not in any way assume to be Registered Nurses.

SECTION 9. The Board upon written application and upon the payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) as a registration fee may issue a certificate without examination to those who shall have been registered as Registered Nurses under the law of another State having requirements equivalent to those of Illinois.

SECTION 10. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction be fined for each offense in a sum not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the first offense, and not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each subsequent offense. Any person who shall willfully make any false representation to the Board in applying for a license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

SECTION 11. All certificates issued by the Board shall be signed by all the members thereof, and shall be attested by the president and secretary.

SECTION 12. The Board may revoke any certificate by a unanimous vote for

dishonesty, gross incompetence, a habit rendering a nurse unsafe to be entrusted with or unfit for the care of the sick, conduct derogatory to the morals or standing of the profession of nursing, or any willful fraud or misrepresentation practiced in procuring such certificate, provided the holder of such certificate shall have been given at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing of the specific charge against such holder and of the time and place of hearing the charge by the Board, at which time and place the holder shall be entitled to be heard and to be represented by counsel. Upon the revocation of any certificate, the same shall be null and void, the holder thereof shall cease to be entitled to any of the privileges conferred by such certificate and it shall be the duty of the secretary of the Board to strike the name of the holder thereof from the roll of Registered Nurses and to give notice of such revocation to the county clerk in whose office such certificate is recorded and thereupon such county clerk shall note the fact of such revocation upon the record of such certificate.

THE MINNESOTA BILL

A BILL for an act to provide for state registration of nurses and the licensing of persons as registered nurses. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to practise professional nursing as a registered nurse in this state unless such person shall have first obtained a certificate of registration as provided in this Act.

SECTION 2. A Board of Examiners to consist of five persons, one of whom shall be a regularly licensed physician, is hereby created to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of this Act. Said Board shall be appointed by the Governor and the other appointments shall be made from Nurses engaged in active work who have been graduated for at least a period of five years from reputable training schools, and whose course of training is not less than three years' duration in actual hospital service; provided that there shall always be two of said members on said Board selected from Nurses who have had at least two years' experience in educational work among nurses, or who have had two or more years' experience in the instruction of nurses in training schools, and provided further, that after the appointment of the first Board, the nurses appointed on each succeeding Board shall be appointed from the nurses registered under this Act.

SECTION 3. Each member of said Board shall serve for a term of five years and until his or her successors are appointed and qualified, except in the case of the first Board, whose members shall hold office as follows: one member shall be appointed to hold office one (1) year; one for two (2) years; one for three (3) years; one for four (4) years; and one for five (5) years. Each member of said Board shall give a bond in the sum of \$1,000, with securities to be approved by the Secretary of State, conditioned for the faithful performance of his or her duties, and shall take the oath provided by law for public officers. Vacancies upon said Board caused by death, resignation or expiration of the term of any member thereof shall be filled by appointment by the Governor.

SECTION 4. Said Board shall elect from its members a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and shall have its headquarters at the State Capitol; shall have a common seal, and the Secretary and President shall have power to administer oaths.

SECTION 5. Each member of said Board shall receive a compensation of five (\$5.00) dollars per day for each day of actual services and ten cents (10 cts) per mile for each mile actually traveled in attending the meetings of the Board, which compensation shall be paid out of any monies in the hands of the Treasurer of said Board; provided that said compensation and mileage shall in no event be paid out of the State Treasury.

SECTION 6. Any money in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of any year, in excess of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars shall be paid over by said Board to the State Treasurer to be kept by him for the future maintenance of the Board and to be disbursed by him upon warrants signed by the President and Treasurer of said Board.

SECTION 7. Said Board shall hold Public Examinations at least once in each year at St. Paul, Minnesota, and at such times as it may determine, and notice of the time and place of such examinations shall be given by a publication thereof at least ten (10) days before such examination in a daily newspaper published at the Capitol of the state, and said Board may give such other notice as it deems advisable. Any person desiring to obtain a certificate of registration under this Act shall make application to said Board therefor, and shall pay to the Treasurer of said Board an examination fee of five (\$5.00) dollars and shall present himself or herself at the next regular meeting of said Board for examination of applicants and upon said Board being satisfied that the applicant is (1) of the age of twenty-one years or over, (2) of good moral character, (3) has received an education equivalent to that required for admission into high schools of this state, and (4) has graduated from a training school connected with a general hospital where three years of training with a systematic course of instruction is given in the hospital, or has graduated from a training school in connection with a hospital of good standing supplying a systematic three years training corresponding to the above standards, which training may be obtained in two or more hospitals, said Board shall proceed to examine said applicant in both theoretical and practical nursing and upon such applicant passing said examination to the satisfaction of said Board, said Board shall enter said applicant's name in the register, hereinafter provided for, and shall issue to said person a certificate of registration authorizing said person to practise the profession of nursing as a "Registered Nurse."

SECTION 8. All nurses graduating prior to January 1st, 1910, possessing the above qualifications, shall be permitted to register without examination, upon payment of the registration fee. Nurses who shall show to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners that they are graduates of training schools connected with a general hospital or sanitarium giving two years' training, or prior to the year 1897 having given one year's training, and who maintain in other respects proper standards, and are engaged in professional nursing at the date of the passage of this Act, or have been engaged in nursing five years after graduation, prior to the passage of this Act, also those who are in training at the time of the passage of this Act, and shall graduate hereafter, and possess the above qualifications, shall be entitled to registration, without examination, provided such application be made before January 1st, 1910.

SECTION 9. Graduates of training schools in connection with special hospitals, giving a two years' course, who shall obtain one year's additional training in an approved general hospital, shall be eligible for registration without

examination before January 1st, 1910, or said graduates shall be eligible for registration prior to said date upon passing a special examination before the Board of Examiners in subjects not adequately taught in the training schools from which they have been graduated.

SECTION 10. Any applicant who has pursued as a business the vocation of nursing for a period of not less than five years prior to the passage of this Act, and who presents to the Board a certificate testifying that he or she is competent to give efficient care to the sick, said certificate to be signed by one licensed physician and two registered nurses, shall be entitled to take a practical examination for state registration, only during the two years immediately following the passage of this Act.

SECTION 11. The Board of Examiners may issue license without examination upon the payment of five (\$5.00) dollars registration fee, to applicants who have been registered in other states having equal requirements.

SECTION 12. This Act shall not be construed to apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, and also it shall not apply to any person nursing the sick for hire but who does not in any way assume to be a registered nurse.

SECTION 13. Said Board shall keep a register in which shall be entered names of all persons to whom certificates are issued under this Act, and said register shall be at all times open to public inspection.

SECTION 14. A person who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this Act shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse." No other person shall assume such title or use the abbreviation R. N., or any other letters or figures to indicate that he or she is a registered nurse.

SECTION 15. Said Board of Examiners may revoke any certificate for sufficient cause, but before this is done the holder of said certificate shall have thirty (30) days notice, and after a full and fair hearing of the charges made, by a majority vote of the whole Board the certificate may be revoked.

SECTION 16. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, or who shall willfully make any false representation to the Board of Examiners in applying for a certificate shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon a conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars and not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars.

This Act shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage.

THE WEST VIRGINIA BILL

A BILL to provide for the appointment of a State Board of Examiners, and for the examination and registration of nurses. Be it enacted by the State Legislature of West Virginia:

1. That ninety days after passage of this Act, a Board of Examiners to be composed of five (5) members shall be appointed by the Governor; one of these members shall be designated to hold office one year, two for two years, and two for three years; and hereafter, upon the expiration of the term of office of the person or persons so appointed, the Governor shall appoint a successor to each person or persons, to hold office for three years.

2. And be it further enacted: That the members of this State Board of Examiners shall as soon as organized, and annually thereafter in the month of

June, elect from their members a President and a Secretary, who shall be the Treasurer. Three members of this Board shall constitute a quorum, and special meetings of the Board shall be called by the Secretary upon written request of any two members. The said Board of Examiners is authorized to frame such by-laws as may be necessary to govern its proceedings. The Secretary shall submit a biennial report of all money received to the Governor for transmission to the Legislature and shall be required to keep a record of all meetings of the Board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this Act, which shall at all reasonable times be open to public scrutiny, and the Board shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating any of the provisions of this Act, and may incur necessary expense on this behalf. The Secretary shall receive a salary, to be fixed by the Board, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per annum, also traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of her official duties. The other members of the Board shall receive four dollars (\$4.00) for each day actually engaged in this service, and all legitimate and necessary expenses. Said expenses and salaries shall be paid from fees received by the Board under the provisions of this Act, and no part of salaries or other expenses of the Board shall be paid out of the State Treasury. All money received in excess of the said allowance and other expenses provided for shall be held by the Treasurer for meeting the expenses of the said Board, and the cost of annual report of the Board.

3. That after January 1, 1908, it shall be the duty of said Board of Examiners to meet at some convenient point within the State not less frequently than once a year, notice of which meeting shall be given to the public press and in one nursing journal one month previous to the meeting. At this meeting it shall be their duty to examine all applicants for registration under this Act, to determine their fitness and ability to give efficient care to the sick. Upon filing application for examination and registration each applicant shall deposit a fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

4. That the applicant shall furnish satisfactory evidence that he or she is twenty-three (23) years of age, is of good moral character, has received the equivalent of a high school education and has graduated from a training school connected with a general hospital where two years of continuous residence training, with a systematic course of instruction is given.

5. That all nurses graduating before January 1, 1908, possessing the above qualifications shall be permitted to register without examination upon payment of registration fee. And all nurses having been continuously and successfully engaged in nursing for five years, and who maintain the proper standard, shall, upon passing an examination, be entitled to registration, provided such application be made before January 1, 1908.

Graduate of training schools in connection with special hospitals giving a two years' course, who shall obtain one year's additional training in an approved general hospital, shall be eligible for registration without examination before June 1, 1907; or said graduates from special hospitals shall be eligible for registration prior to said date, upon passing special examination before the Board of Examiners in subjects not adequately taught in the training schools from which they have been graduated.

And it shall be unlawful after the expiration of that time for any person to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse without a certificate in

this State. A nurse who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this Act shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse." No other person shall assume such a title or use the abbreviation "R. N." or any other letters or figures to indicate that he or she is a registered nurse.

6. That this Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family; and also it shall not apply to any person nursing the sick for hire, but who does not in any way assume to be a registered nurse.

7. That any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, or who shall wilfully make any false representations to the Board of Examiners in applying for a certificate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

8. That the State Board of Examiners of Graduate Nurses may revoke any certificate for sufficient cause; but before this is done the holder of said certificate shall have thirty days notice, and after a full and fair hearing of the charge, by a majority vote of the whole Board, the certificate can be revoked.

STATE MEETINGS

CONNECTICUT.—To the Registered Nurses of Connecticut: Your attention is called to the need of permanently endowing the Chair in Hospital Economics which was established at Columbia University a few years ago at the request of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools. The purpose of the course is the instruction of graduate nurses for teachers and superintendents of training schools for nurses, and its establishment is one of the most important steps ever made in the advancement of the profession of nursing.

The course has been supported chiefly by private contributions until its success has been proven and the advantages of its establishment as a permanency assured. To secure this permanency it is necessary to raise a sum of money sufficient for the endowment of the course "The Chair of Hospital Economics" and appeal is made to all nursing organizations, alumnae societies, state associations and individual nurses to aid in this.

The Connecticut representatives at the annual meeting of the Society of Superintendents of Training Schools and the Associated Alumnae Convention have pledged the state for one hundred and fifty dollars. The treasury of the Graduate Nurses' Association is so depleted by recent expenses that appeal is made to the Registered Nurses of Connecticut to raise by individual contribution the amount pledged, and it is hoped much more. A contribution of one dollar from each Registered Nurse will, if each one responds, more than fulfill the pledge. A contribution of "one day's work" as was pledged by every delegate at the Richmond convention would triple the amount and by so much more make secure the permanency of the course.

It is what the individual members of the nursing profession do this year—to-day, on which the future of our profession depends. We are in a period of transition in our training schools from the learning of nursing as a trade by apprenticeship, to the studying of nursing as a profession under trained instructors, and the time of transition is always hard. The profession of nursing cannot be taught in the best manner until nurses who are to be superintendents of schools and teachers of nurses have been taught how to teach. This is what

the Hospital Economics course will teach and what the endowment of the chair will render a permanency.

Your personal contribution and such an amount as your influence would obtain from friends of the profession is earnestly solicited.

Contributions may be sent to the treasurer of the Graduate Nurses' Association, Miss Rose M. Heavren, 345 Ellsworth Avenue, New Haven, Conn., at your convenience, but it is desirable that all are in not later than October 1st.

E. BALDWIN LOCKWOOD, R. N., Secretary,
Granby, Connecticut.
By order of the Executive Board.

GEORGIA.—In response to a call from the executive board, the Georgia State Association of Graduate Nurses met at Atlanta, on September 12, in the Carnegie Library Committee room, for the purpose of nominating ten members whose names are to be submitted to the governor of the state from whom his appointments to the recently created Board of Examiners of Nurses will be made.

Of the eighty-three members, thirty-two were present, representing the interests of Savannah, Macon and Atlanta.

The president, Mrs. A. C. Hartridge, briefly reviewed the work accomplished by the association since its organization in April and congratulated the members on having obtained such a good bill in such a short time. The object of the meeting was stated and the section of the bill relating to the appointments to the examining board was read and explained. A motion was then made and carried, that in view of the limited time and important business on hand, the minutes of the last meeting be omitted. From the report of the executive committee, it was learned that a charter had been obtained and that the association is now incorporated under the laws of Fulton County. The treasurer reported the association to be in good financial condition. The expenses incidental to the legislative work had been comparatively small and pecuniary assistance had been received from the local alumnae associations of Savannah and Atlanta. The report of the Ways and Means Committee, which then followed, was most interesting and explained why it had been considered necessary to re-draft the bill and amend Section 1, thus bringing the same restrictions to bear upon the members of the examining board, as required by law for the members of the state medical board.

By vote of the association, the following list of names will be submitted to the governor: Miss E. M. Johnstone, Miss M. A. Owens, Miss Martha Raines, Savannah; Miss M. Campbell, Macon; Mrs. A. C. Hartridge, Miss Jessie M. Candler, Miss E. Daughtey, Miss E. Peal, Miss A. Finley, Miss Frances Patton, Atlanta.

Before adjourning, the announcement was made that the annual meeting would be held in Atlanta, early in January.

MISSOURI.—The annual meeting of the Missouri State Nurses' Association will be held in St. Louis, October 23 and 24. Members are requested to make an earnest effort to attend.

ANNA B. ADAMS, Corresponding Secretary.

REGULAR MEETINGS

MONTREAL, CANADA.—The first annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses was held on September 11 and 12, at the General Hospital. The program was as follows:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Invocation	Rev. Arthur French
Address of Welcome, Miss. Livingston, Lady Superintendent, General Hospital, Montreal.	
Address of the President, Miss M. Agnes Snively, the General Hospital, Toronto.	
Report of Council.	
Minutes of Preliminary Meeting.	
Report of Treasurer.	
Paper, "What is Being Done in Canada to Prevent the Spread of Tuberculosis," Miss Louise M. Meiklejohn, Lady Stanley Institute, Ottawa.	
Paper, "Hospitals in Our Canadian West," Miss Albertine Macfarlane, The General Hospital, Vancouver, B. C.	
Demonstration.....	Montreal General Hospital
Afternoon Tea.....	Miss Livingston

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Paper, "Small Hospitals,"
 Miss Christina Hall, General Hospital, Jamestown, New York.
 Discussion, Miss Anna Chesley, St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa. Miss Clara Greene,
 General Hospital, Belleville. Miss Lilla Sheppard, General Hospital, Berlin.
 Adoption of Constitution.
 Election of New Members.
 Election of Officers.
 Announcement of time and place of next meeting.
 Introduction of President-elect.
 Adjournment.
 Demonstration.....Royal Victoria Hospital
 Afternoon Tea.....Miss Henderson, Lady Superintendent

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—The Connecticut Training School alumnæ association held its regular meeting on September 3rd. The president, Mrs. Lockwood, presided. The report of the annual meeting was read, and it was decided that the annual report be printed and a copy sent to each member with an appeal for the support of the chair of Hospital Economics.

A committee was appointed to plan for some entertainment to increase the endowment fund.

PITTSBURG, PA.—The second meeting of the Allegheny County Society of Graduate Nurses was held at McCreery's, August 29. The constitution and by-laws for the new association were read and adopted. Permanent officers were elected: President, Miss Reid; first vice-president, Miss Duncan; second vice-president,

Miss Hendrickson; secretary, Miss O'Sullivan; treasurer, Wm. McNaughton; counsellors, Miss Hunt, Miss Thompson, Miss Giles, Miss Hosack, and Mrs. Lewis; auditors, Miss Weir and Miss Miller. Arrangements were made and committees found for the entertainment of the State Association to be held in Pittsburgh, October 17, 18, and 19. Future meetings of the association will be held at McCrea's dining room every third Thursday of each month. It is hoped that nurses will attend regularly in large bodies and enjoy a social chat over their cups of tea.

ROXBURY, MASS.—The New England Hospital Training School Alumnae Association held its annual meeting in June, and elected the following officers: president, Miss Isabella R. Hall; first vice-president, Mrs. Mary C. Hall; second vice-president, Mrs. H. W. Dunbar; third vice-president, Miss Anna M. Cleary; secretary, Miss D. Hodges; assistant secretary, Miss S. T. Haviland; treasurer, Miss Sarah Beatty.

Miss Isabella R. Hall, delegate to the convention in Richmond, Va., gave a very interesting report of the doings of the Associated Alumnae.

The registry report shows a marked increase in the number of calls during the past year.

A sale of fancy articles held in April at the club rooms enabled the association to purchase eight more shares of club house stock, and at the annual meeting of the shareholders it was voted to permit the alumnae, after giving bonds for the remaining shares, to assume control of the club house, which is now in a flourishing condition.

At the close of the meeting the graduating class of the hospital and the members of the association were entertained by Miss J. P. Christoffersen.

The secretary desires the members to notify her of any changes of address. She is located at the club house, 13 Dimock Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The Hennepin County Graduate Nurses' Association held its third annual meeting on September 11, at the residence of Dr. Marion A. Mead, 1502 Third Avenue South. About thirty nurses were present.

Miss Edith P. Rommel was unanimously re-elected president. The other officers were elected as follows: first vice-president, Miss C. M. Rankeillour; second vice-president, Miss Agnes G. Peterson; secretary, Miss L. Louise Christensen; assistant secretary, Miss Iva Cliff; treasurer, Miss Augusta M. Crisler.

The association has one hundred and fifty-five active members. The past year has been full of important events, including the passing of the bill for state registration and incorporating the organization. The treasurer reported a balance of ninety-one dollars and thirty-two cents.

The report of the registrar shows a continued increase in the work of the nurses' registry, having received one thousand eight hundred and forty-five calls for nurses and one thousand two hundred and seven calls from nurses registering for work, making a total of three thousand and fifty-two calls during the year ending at noon September 11, and six hundred and sixty-six more calls than the previous year. Two hundred and four calls were received from out of town.

SCRANTON, PA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Scranton Training School for Nurses was held at the State Hospital on September 12. The president, Miss Brice, presided. The secretary read the minutes of the May meeting, also of the executive meeting held in August. The next meeting will be held at the State Hospital on October 10.

PERSONALS

MISS ELIZABETH WEBBER, class of 1899, Rochester Homeopathic Hospital, has accepted the position of assistant superintendent of the hospital.

MISS A. LOUISE DIETRICH and Miss Emily D. Greene, graduates of St. Johns Riverside Hospital, Yonkers, N. Y., have established a private maternity hospital at El Paso, Texas.

MISS MARY WEICK, a graduate of the Michael Reese Training School, Chicago, has accepted the position of superintendent in the Weiss Memorial Hospital, Omaha, Neb.

DR. LAURA A. C. HUGHES, president of the Spanish American War Nurses, will not be a candidate for reëlection at the meeting to be held at Fortress Monroe, October 8-12.

MISS E. B. CLARKE has resigned her position as superintendent of the Sarnia General Hospital, Sarnia, Ontario. She is succeeded by Miss Catherine Lawrence, Grace Hospital, Toronto.

MRS. BEVERLY R. TUCKER, neé Elsie Boyd, Old Dominion Hospital Alumnae, class of 1901, who has spent the summer in Vienna with her husband, has returned to their home in Richmond, Virginia.

MISS N. J. MINOR, corresponding secretary of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Virginia, who was seriously ill during July and August, is now making a satisfactory recovery in the mountains of Virginia.

MRS. MARJORIE ADAMSON, a graduate of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, who has been for fourteen years superintendent of the Alexandria Hospital, Alexandria, Virginia, has returned to her post, in perfect health, after a four months' leave of absence spent in Scotland.

After six years' service, Miss L. M. Staples has resigned as superintendent of St. Barnabas' Hospital, Minneapolis. She is succeeded by Miss Harriet S. Harry, former superintendent of nurses. Miss Staples was the recipient of substantial testimonials of regard from the board, staff, nurses, and employees.

MISS MARY ISABEL HARROUN, night superintendent at the Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, has just returned from Sandusky where she officially represented the Spanish American War Nurses at the United Spanish War Veterans' Convention. She went in the place of Dr. Hughes, who was unable to accept the invitation extended to her, and was accompanied by Miss M. B. Unger and Miss W. C. Bohnert of Columbus, Ohio. They were invited to address the convention.

MISS HARRIET SOUTHWORTH, class of 1901, Hospital of the Good Shepherd, Syracuse, N. Y., has resigned her position as superintendent of the Little Falls

Hospital, and after a three months' rest will become assistant superintendent of nurses at the Albany City Hospital. Miss Luey Cooper, class of 1904, has been appointed head nurse in the operating-room of the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, to succeed Mrs. Wade. Miss Amy Bliss has resigned her position as superintendent of the Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital. She is succeeded by Miss Lawler of Johns Hopkins.

MISS EDITH MUNS, Illinois Training School, 1903, and Hospital Economics Course, 1907, is superintendent of the hospital at Trinmountain, Michigan. Miss Elizabeth K. Smith, Illinois Training School, 1898, has recently gone to Rockford, Illinois, as superintendent of Rockford City Hospital. Of the class of 1907, Illinois Training School, Miss Margaret Powers has been appointed head surgical nurse at Pasadena Hospital, Pasadena, California; Miss Mary Norquest is superintendent at Mercy Hospital, Iron Mountain, Michigan; and Miss Clara Cramer is in charge of the obstetrical ward at Cook County Hospital, Chicago.

MISS HELEN SCOTT HAY, Superintendent of the Illinois Training School, and Miss McMillan, of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, have been appointed by the Illinois State Board of Charities, members of "A committee on uniform curriculum for nurses in hospitals for the Insane." Miss Julia Lathrop, chairman of the committee, and a member of the State Board of Charities, has long been interested in the care of the insane and it is hoped that with her presence on the board and the fact that two nurses have been placed on the committee something may be done to provide a more liberal supply of high grade nurses for the insane hospitals than has previously been possible in Illinois.

MARRIAGES

ON August 24th, Miss Henrietta C. Ashton, Marion Sims Hospital, to Mr. Demareus L. Pitner.

ON June 1st, Miss Florence L. McBride, Marion Sims Hospital, to Mr. William F. Waldron.

ON August 29th, at Livingston, Montana, Miss Ellen Minot Allen, class of 1899, Boston City Hospital, to Mr. Henry Budd Robinson.

ON July 13th, at Rockville, Maryland, Ethel Mary Griffin, Johns Hopkins Hospital, to Mr. Harwood Franklin Mullikin, of Baltimore, Maryland.

ON June 20th, at Saranac Lake, N. Y., Miss Gertrude Fox Jones, Johns Hopkins Hospital, to Mr. James Pryor Williamson, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

AT Lexington, Virginia, September 10th, Miss Nancy Mayo Spencer, Old Dominion Hospital, 1903, and Dr. Prentiss DuPuy Johnston. They will live at Pocahontas, Virginia.

ON July 18th, Miss Emma MacKenzie, Michael Reese Hospital, to Mr. W. F. Percival, of Toronto. Miss MacKenzie was president of the Michael Reese alumnae for a number of years.